



## COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE

City of San Diego  
Sixth District

### MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2001  
TO: Mike Uberuaga, City Manager  
FROM: Councilmember Donna Frye  
SUBJECT: Response to Draft Memo, Mission Bay Master Plan – AIM #01-0426

*Donna Frye*

Per our conversation I have reviewed your draft response to my September 5, 2001 memo and offer the following recommendations.

Among the most serious problems with the unapproved changes to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan was the lack of any meaningful public review and the failure to follow and planning process.

The acreage changes are not "administrative". They are substantive and resulted in increasing the practical maximum of dedicated leasable acreage within Mission Bay Park, while reducing the percentage of acreage proposed for wetland habitat, swimming, navigation and Eelgrass mitigation. The changes resulted in creating inconsistencies within the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, not correcting them. For example, the text on page 51 does not match Table 2. Prior to the "administrative changes" the text and table did match. Moreover, as a result of the unapproved changes, the City Manager's response to the San Diego County Grand Jury's report was inaccurate.

Another concern is how staff arrived at the "new" acreage amounts in July 2000, less than one month after the contact for the Mission Bay Park survey was approved by the City Council, but more than three months prior to the survey results being made public.

Finally, it appears that there is a lack of communication and direction being given to staff regarding the policies that should be followed when "some errors" or "inconsistencies" are identified in master plans.

Therefore, I respectfully request that your memo address these issues in a meaningful way. Specifically:

1. Provide policy direction to staff on master plan amendments
2. Provide an amended response to the Grand Jury
3. Include the City Council and public in the "administrative correction" process for the Mission Bay Park Master Plan
4. Provide copies of policy documents/guidelines used to determine what constitutes "administrative" changes.
5. Include a statement that the July 2000 Mission Bay Park Master Plan is not accurate and has not been adopted by the City Council or certified by the California Coastal Commission and should therefore, not be used.
6. Provide an explanation of how these changes occurred (i.e., procedures that were followed, departmental policy, etc.)
7. Provide copies of documents used and/or referenced to make these "administrative changes".

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a speedy resolution.